How Sleep the Brave.

How sleep the brave who sink to rest By all their country's wishes blessed: When Spring, with dowy fingers cold, Returns to deck their hallowed mold, She there shall dress a sweeter sod Than fancy's feet have ever trod,

By fatry hands their kneel is rung, By forms unseen their dirge is sung: Their boner comes, a pilgrim gray, To bless the turf that wraps their clay. And Freedom shall a while repair To dwell a weeping hermit there.

### MEDORA'S MASQUERADE.

"Aunt Polly Pennywort-deadand a hundred thousand dollars!"

Medora Seetbough dropped the letter she was reading, and stared at her mother and sisters in stupified amaze-

ped in to borrow a cup of "emptin's," I wouldn't hev refused him if he'd a opened her eyes in wondering sympa- been humly as a mud fence.

"Left the hull on it to you, Medo-

"Left the hull on it to Medory," put in Mrs. Sweetbough, "pervided she ful precision, sealed it in a cream-col-Polly's first husband-Ben-Benoni yer Higbee in her best chirogra-Goldacre."

pouted Medora, willfully, "and I thought. won't!"

"What on airth!" cried her mother, aghast, "throw away a forchin like fice. that! Be you out of your senses, child?"

"What her you got agin him, any way, Modory?" asked Neighbor Steb- he will be here presently." bins, curiously. "Have you ever seed him?"

ly. He's got such a horrid name-Benoni! Ugh!"

"Why, la, that ain't nothen'. A name wouldn't hender me, if 'twas like that." Beelzebub!" declared the visitor, reassuringly.

But Medero only shruged her shoul- moustache and handsome garnet- and washes by de day." ders.

Aunt Polly might hev remembered there was others in the family besides am-or miss! In one moment, Medory," grumbled the elder sister, pleas !" Cerintha. "It would hev done some It was Lawyer Higbee, bustling in ey to me!"

"Yes, but, Cerithy, you wouldn't let Aunt Polly have any eggs to eat when he asked, slapping the young man on she come to see us," put in Tabitha, the back. the youngest sister. "cause you said they was a shilling a dozen, and you lawyer's sanity; but the young man passed between 'em yit." wanted to sell 'em. And Medory gave her all her banty's eggs, and-"

ordered the older Miss Sweetbough, welcome to the money, I shall refuse, erustily. "I didn't know she had a of course!" hundred thousand dollars and a big house in York State, did I? Aunt Pol- hurry!" cried the bustly lawyer, ly dressed like a beggar, and let on shrewdly. "Give the lady a chance his nose. He must be very proud she was as poor as a church mouse, first. Perhaps she will refuse." and she hadn't ought to expect to hev "Not a bit of it," was the smiling re- "Oh, no; he is not proud. You noexpected any better treatment."

accept Mr. Benoni Goldacre, much to like a trout after a fly." her mothers vexation.

so humly, after all."

"He will-I know he will!" ascerted Medora, obstinately. "But I may as fore her astonished auditors. well go and hear the will read, seing Lawyer Hegbee has sent me a round er his self-possession. ticket : and then I can tell Mr. Benoni to his face that I won't marry him."

"Yes, and lose the hull forchin!" groaned her mother. "When, if you'd versing my decision." only wait, Medory, mebbe he might back out, and-"

laughed Medora, casting a satisfied now!" glance at the reflection of her pretty face in the mirror.

And a very pretty face indeed, with amber-tinted curls and cheeks as pink as a half-blown moss-rose,

"But never mind. I'll wait and give him a chance, anyway. And if he don't refuse me, it won't be my fault," she added to herself; for a bright thought had flashed into her

Why could she not disguise herself in such a ludicrous way that Mr. Be. to yourself, and so did not hear me," noni Goldacre would be glad to refuse he exclaimed. "But now, Cousin Do-

"Aunt Polly set me the example, masquerading, too."

And much pleased with the thought of her intended deception, Medora hurried to her room, to pick out the shabbiest dress she could find for her

disguise. A cast-off "hair-switch" of Cerintha's other articles.

On the appointed day, Lawyer Higbee performed the necessary introduction between the prospective heirs, who stared at each other curiously, Mr. Goldaere beheld a dowdy-looking female, in a shabby dress of bottle- ly had not left her money to her. green alpaca, with spectacles of the same hue astride her nose; and a mop of dull, brick-red hair, straggling from a tawdry gilt "tucking" comb, fell in an unsightly whisp over her soiled

"Heavens!" thought Mr. Benoni Goldacre, "I shall certainly decline," On her part, notwithstanding her already-formed opinion, Medora was following notice: "Children must not to be made one a policeman came in seriously disappointed in the person approach within seven feet of the sen- and took the gal off for stealing; and I

shall refuse."

sisters after the interview:

looked like it had come out of the I could see by his books that there's no go to post this letter. You can look for me home the day after to-mor-

"Wal, it does seem too bad, when we need money so much," sighed Mrs, flag and hung it out at his door. Sweetbough, wearily; "but I don't reckon it kin be helped. Tain't no feetual preventive of any intrusive ways likely the man would refuse Medory; and we couldn't expect her to marry such a looking man.'

"Fiddle-sticks! what difference does looks make?" sniffed Cerintha, crusti- than the rest knocked at the door. ly, "If Aunt Polly Pennyworth had Neighbor Stebbins, who had drop- 'a left her money to me, in place her,

And Miss Cerintha's thin lips and sharp nose wore a look of chronic inry?" she questioned, half incredulous- jury at the conduct of the deceased

Aunt Polly. Medora wrote her answer with caremarries that there nephew of Aunt ored envelope, and directed it to Law-

"But I don't want to marry him," "I'll carry it to him myself," she

And in a very determined frame of mind she reached Lawyer Higbee's of-

A young man who was writing at a desk received her courteously,

"Mr. Higbee has not come in vet And he placed a chair for the visitor, casting an admiring glance at the

\_ cheeks. "How nice he is!" thought Medora. "If that horrid Benoni had only been yealis."

For the young man was tall and broad-shouldered, with a blonde

"Hello-hello! Beg pardon, mad-

good if she had left some of her mon- with his hands full of papers and a pen over his ear. "Well, Goldacre, what's wanting?"

seemed no ways disconcerted. "Oh, I dropped in to bring my an-"Hold your tongue, miss, will you?" swer to that will business. The lady is

"Tut, tut, man; don't be in such a

Medora persisted in her refusal to tended to snap at the golden bait some fish to the gentleman in the

"Indeed, sir!" Medora's voice fairsnap 'at the bait."

And she flung her letter down be-Mr. Goldacre was the first to recov

"So it seems you were en masque as

well as myself," he returned, coolly. "Under the circumstances, Miss Sweetbough, I claim the privilege of re- or fish at this establishment."

"I shall not!" retorted Medora. "I refused you when I thought you were "And refuse me! Quite likely," a grisley old ogre, and I refuse you

And she flounced indignantly from

the room. Before she reached her room, however, she was in a more penitent

mood. "He was handsome," she declared. with a bashful look. "And I'd marry him if he was as poor as Job's turkey,

only-" "Only what?" said a voice at her ear, and the subject of her thoughts stood beside her. "You were talking aloud as he grinned a raise-the-plumes-fifty ra-for we are distant cousins, you know wont you reverse that decision, anyway," she thought to herself, con- after all? Since you have refused me, solingly, "and I may as well do a little and the property is all mine," he added, wickedly, "you can't accuse me of

> mercenary motives, you know." And, softened by his pleading. Medora finally consented to say "Yes."

"-nd so it's a-cending jest right, after all," commented worthy Mrs. Sweetbough, delightedly, as she read was also appropriated, with sundry a second letter more satisfactory than the first. "And Medory's a-goin' to send us a hull box of pervisions, and a mate on Friday. Save me, won't ye?" bran-new silk frock apiece. How thankful we ought to be!"

And so they were, all but Cerintha, who still felt aggrieved that Aunt Pol- wid ye in to the shore." -Saturday Night.

David Davis on Roller Skutes.

a roller skating rink at Bloomington to the city. and became so enthusiastic that he insisted on putting on a pair of skates. Before the proprietor would permit going to marry a rich York lady." him to go on the floor he posted the ator. The proprietor will not be res- shouldn't try to marry another New

"Dear me, what an antideluvian he ponsible for accidents." Mr. Davis York lady, if she was worth her weight is!" she thought, in dismay. "I knew complains of the loneliness . of his in gold." he'd be old and ugly, but I didn't ex- situation after being shoved out into pect quite such a fright. Of course, I the room on his rollers. A large num- Mrs. Langtry has won three law ber of windows and crockery about suits in New York for alleged breach And she wrote to her mother and town were smashed in just five minu- of promise-or rather violations of tes after the senator started out to contract in regard to her performan-"He's a regular scarcerow, with tow- skate. Some people can't sit down ees. Mrs. Langtry is a beautiful colored hair and gray whiskers a foot suddenly without making a fuss of young widow of the grass variety and long, and a shabby old coat, that some kind.

Keeping Off Officers.

An instance of how successfully lope of his refusing me. Lawyer Hig- cunning may evade the officers of jusbee gave us till to-day to make up our tice is exemplified in the case of an old minds and give him an answer; and I darkey at New Orleans recently who am going to take mine down, when I had committed some sort of offence, visit from the police.

To prevent this, he procured a yellow "Small-pox" in the house was an efvisits. Weeks went by and still the yellow flag fluttered from the door post. The officers grew impatient, and at last one more adventurous

"Who dar?" "Officers! Open, in the name of the

"Golly, boss, got de small-pox." "That won't do. You were seen up-

on the street last night." "Yes, I know, boss; but I has him in de day time."

"I don't believe it, and am coming "Better stay out, boss! cotch the

small-pox shore." The officer persisted in coming in and the old fox was caught in his lair, looking sleek and marvelously well. With a broad grin on his face, he saluted the officer with the remak :

"You didn't cotch de small-pox, boss but you cotch me." It is needless to say that the yellow flag was taken down.

A Loving Couple,

"Mos' married folks quarrels more or "No; but I'm sure he's old and ug- amber curls and dimpled, pink-tinted less," remarded Uncle Mose; "but I knows a man and his wife what hasn't had a furse fur de las' five "Am dey libin togedder?"

> "Sartainly! Dey libs in de same house. She goes off ebery mawnin' "But p'raps dey quarrels at night.

How does you know dey don't?" "Dey don't hab a bit o' trouble, I tells yer. She am out washin' all day, and her husband, he am night watchman in a big sto' on Austin avenue. He goes off before she comes home, Danie and he don't get back in de mawnin' ontil she has done gone out washin'. Dat's been goin' on fur de las' five Medora started, half doubting the yeahs, and de fust cross word hasn't

## He Was Not Proud.

Two gentlemen were waiting to order their dinner in an Austin restau-

"Just look at that waiter how h throws his head back and turns in said one of the gentlemen;

ply. "I could tell by her looks she in- tice he is carrying an omelette and corner."

"The eggs that the omelette is made "It won't do no harm to see him," ly quivered with indignation. "You of were probably not very fresh, or, she declared; "and mebbe he won't be can judge by this whether I meant to perhaps it's the fish that smells badly, or perhaps both, and that causes the waiter to throw his head back, so he will avoid the smell. I know that waiter personally. He is very clever fellow, and is not stuck up in the least. This property is in close proximity to There is not a particle of pride about the depots and business part of the

"Well then we won't order any eggs

Wouldn't Do.

"Yes, I do want a collector," said the millinery man, "but I don't think a lady would suit me."

"Why not?" asked the female applicant, "I could not only do your collecing but also assist in the store, for 1 Monuments, Headstones

am well versed in this business. "That may be, but there is another great objection.

"What is it. "Well, I don't think a women could

nake a first-class collector." "Give nie your reasons."

"Because," answered the merchant, cents-a-piece smile, "because women's work is dun, you know."

## A Matter of Religion.

Two mud seows collided in the East River, New York, the other day. One of them filled and went down. The captain of the sunken craft struggled in the water.

"Kin ye schwim?" roared the other captain from his scow. "No. Save me av yer a man," eried the man in the water.

"Phat religion are ye?" "As good a Prosbytarian as iver ate "This boat is consecrated, an' ye'd sink her, ye Presbytayrian thafe o' the world. But here goes and, I'll schwim

And he did.

## The Renson.

"Where's your wife, John?" asked a It is alleged that David Pavis visited rural mother, of her son, who had been "I haint got any."

"Why, you wrote us as how you's

"So I was; but just as we was about

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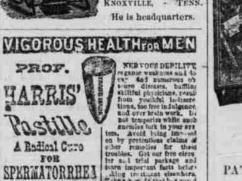
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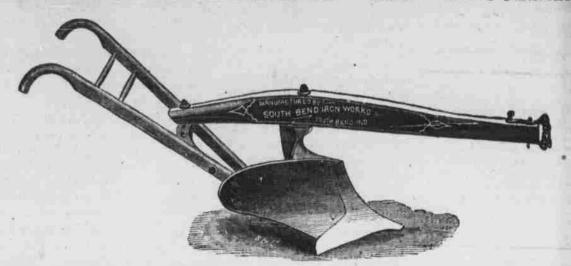


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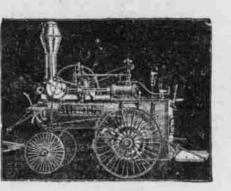


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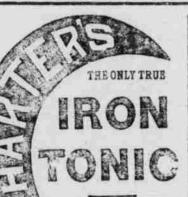
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